RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLAYTON COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH EXPERT DISCOVERY, LLC TO PERFORM A FORENSIC AUDIT TO DETECT, DOCUMENT AND ARRANGE FOR COLLECTION OF UNPAID 911 AND/OR E911 FEES THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN REMITTED BY TELECOMMUNICATION PROVIDERS TO THE COUNTY; AUTHORIZING CLAYTON COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BARNES LAW GROUP, LLC AND HARRIS PENN LOWRY, LLP AS SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL FOR CLAYTON COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECOVERY OF UNDERPAID, UNCOLLECTED AND/OR UNREMITTED 911 AND/OR E911 FEES DUE THE COUNTY: AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN AND/OR THE CHIEF STAFF ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS AND TO OTHERWISE PERFORM ALL OTHER ACTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO AMEND THE BUDGET WHERE NECESSARY TO REFLECT AN APPROPRIATE REVENUE SOURCE AND EXPENSE ALL AS MAY BE REQUIRED; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the telephone service providers operating within Clayton County are required by law to collect a monthly E911 fee from their customers to be used to fund the enhanced 911 emergency telephone system; and

WHEREAS, Expert Discovery, LLC is experienced in locating errors and omissions on the part of the telephone service providers related to remittance of the monthly E911 fees paid by telephone customers; and

WHEREAS, Clayton County previously contracted with Expert Discovery, LLC in an effort to locate errors and omissions on the part of telephone service providers related to remittance of the monthly E911 fees to the County, but said telephone service providers were unresponsive to Expert Discovery, LLC's requests for information; and

WHEREAS, the Barnes Law Group, LLC and Harris Penn Lowry, LLP are experienced in handling legal actions in connection with the recovery of underpaid, uncollected and/or unremitted 911 and/or E911 fees due to governing authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners deems it in the best interest of the County and the County will best be served by terminating the current contract with Expert Discovery, LLC, entering a new contract with Expert Discovery, LLC with more favorable terms, and engaging the Barnes Law Group, LLC and Harris Penn Lowry, LLP for the purpose of locating and recovering underpaid, uncollected and/or unremitted 911 and/or E911 fees due to the County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED

Services Agreement with Expert Discovery, LLC dated October 12, 2013 and approved via Resolution 2013-313 on December 3, 2013.

Section 2. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Clayton County to enter into a Professional Service Agreement with Expert Discovery, LLC, and a Legal Services Agreement with the Barnes Law Group, LLC and Harris Penn Lowry, LLP, for the purpose of locating and recovering underpaid, uncollected and/or unremitted 911 and/or E911 fees due to the County.

Section 3. The Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chairman and/or the Chief Staff Attorney to execute the Agreements and to otherwise perform all other acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution.

Section 4. The Board of Commissioners further authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to amend the budget as needed to reflect an appropriate revenue source and/or expense, all as may be required.

<u>Section 5.</u> This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED, this the ______day of February, 2016.

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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